



CITY OF SANTA BARBARA

COUNCIL AGENDA REPORT

AGENDA DATE: June 23, 2009

TO: Mayor and Councilmembers

FROM: Engineering Division, Public Works Department

SUBJECT: Contract For Environmental Services For The Cabrillo Boulevard Bridge Replacement Project

RECOMMENDATION:

That Council authorize the Public Works Director to execute a contract with Science Applications International Corporation (SAIC) in the amount of \$46,600 for environmental services for the Cabrillo Boulevard Bridge Replacement Project (Project), and authorize the Public Works Director to approve expenditures of up to \$4,660 for extra services of SAIC that may result from necessary changes in the scope of work.

DISCUSSION:

BACKGROUND

On March 27, 2007, Council awarded a design contract to Bengal Engineering for final design of the Project. City staff has obtained six of the seven required permits for the Project and is awaiting issuance of the Streambed Alteration Permit from the California Department of Fish & Game. The plans and specifications are 99% complete and have been approved by the Historical Landmarks Commission. City staff has obtained approval for the necessary environmental documents to comply with both the state and federal environmental requirements. City staff is currently negotiating the terms of the Project's right of way acquisition with the owners. Staff estimates that it will be December 2009 before Caltrans approves the City's certification of right of way acquisition. Due to constraints imposed by Federal Highway Administration funding and environmental mitigations, staff believes that actual construction will not be able to start until the fall of 2010. However, the California Coastal Commission requires that the City count the number of Tidewater Goby fish, twice in the year prior to construction. The proposed contract includes these two counts in the scope of services.

PROJECT DESCRIPTION

The Project consists of replacing the Cabrillo Boulevard Bridge over Mission Creek and replacing the deteriorated retaining walls along Mission Creek from State Street to approximately 160 feet down stream from the Cabrillo Boulevard Bridge. As a condition of final issuance of a Coastal Development Permit, the California Coastal Commission required the City to prepare a Habitat Restoration Enhancement and Monitoring Plan (Plan). City staff solicited proposals from five firms to prepare the Plan. The fees for preparation of the Plan ranged from \$36,090 to \$126,896. Staff recommends that Council authorize the Public Works Director to execute a contract with SAIC in the amount of \$46,600 for preparation of this Plan.

FUNDING

The Project is funded by a combination of a Federal Highway Administration grant, Utility Users Tax, and Measure D funds.

The following summarizes all estimated total Project costs:

ESTIMATED TOTAL PROJECT COST

Design (by Contract)	\$1,945,096
Right of Way costs	\$647,000
Environmental studies, etc.	\$347,044
City staff	\$600,000
Subtotal	\$3,539,140
Estimated Construction Contract w/Change Order Allowance	\$13,267,000
Estimated Construction Management/Inspection (by Contract and City staff)	\$1,400,000
Estimated Other Construction Costs (testing, environmental monitor, etc.)	\$466,000
Subtotal	\$15,133,000
TOTAL PROJECT COST	\$18,672,140

There are sufficient funds in the Streets Capital Fund to cover these costs. The City's share of the total Project cost estimate is \$2,536,728; the same amount budgeted in Streets Capital Fund.

SUSTAINABILITY IMPACT:

This Project will create 9,452 square feet of new wetlands habitat beneath and downstream of the Cabrillo Boulevard Bridge.

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APPROVED BY: City Administrator's Office